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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment, and a Transmittal Letter in the above-identified application.

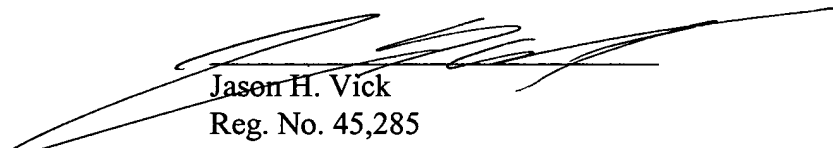
The fees have been calculated as shown below:

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- [] A check in the amount of \$ to cover the extension fee is enclosed.
- [X] In the event applicant(s) has overlooked the need for any petition and fee for extension of time, and such extension is required, applicant(s) requests that this be considered a petition therefor and that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c) and 1.20 (d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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